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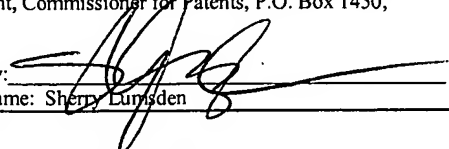
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	EYAL ET AL.	Examiner:	D. TRUONG
Serial No.:	10/788,696	Group Art Unit:	1711
Filed:	FEBRUARY 26, 2004	Docket No.:	6786.78USC5
Title:	LACTIC ACID PROCESSING; METHODS; ARRANGEMENTS; AND PRODUCTS		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 29, 2005. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection is requested.

The only rejection in the outstanding Office Action is a rejection of claims 20-35 based on obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,534,679 and claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,229,046. In view of the enclosed document entitled "Combined Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)" it is understood that this rejection has been rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

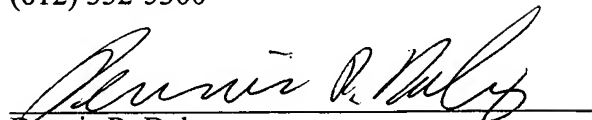
It is expected that an amendment requesting a change of inventorship will be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office shortly to add Xiangsheng Meng as an inventor of the above-identified patent application. The Examiner is requested to delay issuing a Notice of Allowance until receipt of papers for adding Xiangsheng Meng as an inventor.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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